(4) Formulation of scheme for import of raw material on OGL for providing raw material assistance to exporters.

(5) Developing counter trade and off-shore trading to increase foreign exchange earnings.

(6) Formulation of a price support scheme for bulk drugs for small manufacturers.

(7) Identification of thrust areas and laying of emphasis on product development.

(8) Creation of STC's own production capacities and leasing the same to entrepreneurs.

(9) Promotion of brand marketing.

Keeping in view the above plans for promotion of non-canalised exports, STC has projected that non-canalised exports would increase from Rs. 442 crores in 1988-89 to Rs. 560 crores in 1989-90.

Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation has also taken a number of steps to increase their non-canalised exports. These steps include:—

— Selective identification of potential markets on long-term basis.

— Selective development of domestic sources of supply of items that would be promoted in selected markets.

— Use of strategies like project exports, counter trade to gain access for Indian products to new export markets.

— Creation of an organisational culture within the Corporation oriented towards exports to non-canalised items.

— Extensive training of human resources in export marketing, management and related areas.

As a result of the above steps, MMTC has projected that exports of non-canalised items would increase from Rs. 352 crores in 1988-89 to Rs. 427 crores in 1989-90.

Special flying squads in Delhi to help distressed women

1049. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide Special Flying Squads so as to speedily respond to calls by women in distress in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the progress made regarding the implementation of the said proposal; so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Santhal and other tribal population in Assam

1050. SHRI PRITIBHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the population of Santhal and other tribes in Assam at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that according to the census of 1901, 1941 and 1971 the Santhal population in Assam was ten thousand, one lakh fifty thousand and ten thousand respectively; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the decline in Santhal population as shown in the census of 1971?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) According to the 1971 Census, the population of the Scheduled Tribes in Assam was 1,606,648. This figure does not include Santhals as they are not a Schedule Tribe in Assam. For the same reason, population figures of Santhals are not available separately from the 1971 Census. Census should not be conducted in Assam in 1981 owing to disturbed conditions prevailing in that State then.

(b) and (c) The population of Santhals according to the 1901 census in the areas comprising the present Assam State was 64, 022. The population figures of Santhals in Assam are not available from the censuses of 1941 and 1971.

Import if luxury items

1051. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of export, import and trade deficit year-wise from 1980-81 to 1988-89; and

(b) the value and particulars of the luxury items imported during the years 1987-88 and 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) A Statement indicating the details of India's export, import and balance of trade during the years 1980-81 to 1988-89 is attached. (*See* below).

(b) Import of consumer durables, which include luxury items, is not normally allowed. Some items of personal use are allowed under transfer of residence rules as baggage. Gifts of articles are also allowed in certain cases. In all such cases, no outflow of foreign exchange is involved. In the absence of specific mention of luxury items, it is not possible to furnish statistics of imports.

Statement

(Value : Rs. Crores)

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance of trade
1980-81	6710.71	12549.15	—5838.44
1981-82	7805.91	13607.55	—5801.64
1982-83	8803.37	14292.74	—5489.37½
1983-84	9770.71	15831.46	—6060.75
1984-85	11743.68	17134.20	—5390.52
1985-86	10894.59	19657.69	—8763.10
1986-87	12451.94	20095.76	—7643.82
1987-88 (PR)	15741.23	22398.97	—6657.74
1988-89 (P)	20280.92	27692.87	—7411.95

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P: Provisional
Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta.